

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**MARK RANDALL EDWARDS,**

**Respondent,**

**v.**

**DEBBIE L. EDWARDS,**

**Appellant.**

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**DOCKET NUMBER WD78472**

**Date: November 24, 2015**

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Appeal from:  
Cole County Circuit Court  
The Honorable Robert D. Schollmeyer, Judge

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Appellate Judges:  
Division Two; Mark D. Pfeiffer, Presiding Judge, Lisa White Hardwick and James E. Welsh, Judges

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# **MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY**

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Before Division Two: Mark D. Pfeiffer, Presiding Judge, Lisa White Hardwick and James E. Welsh, Judges

Debbie Edwards (Mother) appeals from the circuit court's judgment dissolving her marriage to Mark Edwards (Father). Mother challenges the child support and maintenance awards and the court's denial of her request for attorney's fees.

**AFFIRMED, IN PART, AND REVERSED AND REMANDED, IN PART.**

Division Two holds:

(1) The circuit court erred in calculating the presumed correct child support amount using the method applicable only to split-custody arrangements because the court awarded Mother and Father joint physical custody of both children and ordered a parenting plan that provided for equal parenting time. The child support award is reversed and remanded for the court to calculate the presumed correct child support amount consistently with the custody award.

(2) The circuit court did not err in placing a termination date on the maintenance awarded to Mother. The court's findings indicate that, at the time the judgment was entered, Mother was able to support herself and the sole purpose of the temporary maintenance award was to allow Mother time to obtain the health insurance benefits that she would no longer receive through Father's employment.

(3) The circuit court did not err in denying Mother's request for attorney's fees. In light of Mother's financial resources, which include the property awarded to her in the dissolution, the income disparity between Mother and Father was not a sufficient reason to award her attorney's fees.

Opinion by: Lisa White Hardwick, Judge

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